



## **Dr. Fernando González Villarreal**

Dr. Fernando Gonzalez Villarreal is a civil engineer. He graduated with honors from the Faculty of Engineering; He has a Master of Science and a PhD in Engineering from the University of California at Berkeley, United States. He is a full-time researcher at the Institute of Engineering and his main lines of study are hydraulic exploitation, hydrology, river engineering and public policies on water. He was the first general director of the National Water Commission (CONAGUA)), founding president of the Mexican Institute of Water Technology, undersecretary of Hydraulic Infrastructure and secretary of Agriculture and Hydraulic Resources of Sonora. He has been senior advisor for water and rural development at the World Bank. He is an academic associate of the Mexican Council of International Affairs.

He has been President of the College of Civil Engineers of Mexico and of the Mexican Hydraulic Association. He has received recognitions from the Mexican Union of Engineers Associations, the National Farmers Confederation, and CONAGUA. In 1993 he was awarded the Warren Fuller Award by the American Water Works Association. In 2010, the National Association of Water and Sanitation Companies of Mexico, A.C., recognized his life-long professional career by awarding him the merit award for his invaluable contribution to the water sector. In 2013, he received the National Engineering Prize, awarded by the Association of Engineers and Architects of Mexico, and in 2015 he received the Nezahualcóyotl Medal for his career and contributions to the advancement of water sciences and hydraulics in Mexico.